Open Court Reading Pre-Decodable/Decodable Take-home BLM Level K

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Grade Level   P1 - Kindergarten

Readability Level

Course / Content   Reading

List Price: 12.8

Wholesale Price   9.5999999999999996

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Content   Pre-Decodable Books (largely rebus pictures and high-frequency sight words) develop print awareness, familiarize students with the conventions of print, and give students confidence with an important first reading experience. Learning to identify high-frequency words quickly, accurately, and effortlessly is a critical part of students' development as fluent, independent readers. Decodable texts are stories made up primarily of words that contain specific sound/spellings that the students are learning, along with some high frequency words that are necessary to write comprehensible and interesting text. Decodable Books provide students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of decoding, read high frequency sight words, and build fluency.

Student Experiences   Students experience actually reading short stories and practicing their decoding skills.

Assessment   Continuous assessment provides a variety of useful techniques and opportunities to assess students both informally and formally. Informal assessments include Rubrics, corresponding with specific skill masteries following the Lesson Planner pages within the Teacher Edition. Formal assessments are done periodically to offer teachers the opportunity to gauge progress on multiple skills. In the Program Assessment book, a Pretest at the beginning of the year guides and informs instruction, and a Midyear Test and Post-test give teachers an opportunity to monitor students' progress. Unit Assessments monitor students' understanding of phonics, comprehension, and language arts. Diagnostic Assessment provides more focus assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instruction. Test Preparation and Practice Workbooks help teachers prepare their students for standardized tests, such as Terra Nova, SAT/9, and ITBS.

Organization   Books 1-15 are pre-decodable, and books 16-35 are decodable. These come in a black- and-white, reproducible, tear-out, take-home format in which books are assembled by teachers for students to use during class and to practice at home with parents. Each book contains 35 titles.

Resource Materials   Little Books are Big Books in a smaller format for individual student use. Teacher Read Alouds are sets of trade books used for theme/unit introduction. Diagnostic Assessment provides focused assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instructio

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions   1:20

Available Ancillary Materials   Teacher Editions provides the information necessary for teaching systematic, explicit skills instruction centered around quality literature selections. There are 120 lessons divided into eight thematic units. Eleven Big Books develop print awareness and

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness
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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material was reviewed as part of the Open Court Reading Program Set. It is recommended that the Open Court Reading Program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.   Technology Component Summary   2.000.00
Professional development lesson demonstrations for teachers are available on DVDs, VHS tapes and online. Student books are recorded on cassette tapes and CDs. Online student assessment available.

I.   Reading Content Summary   2
Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate.

II.   Writing Content Summary   2.00
Elements of good writing embedded in this program!

III.   Grammar and Spelling Content Summary   1.92
Students are given many opportunities for grammar, spelling and handwriting practice and review. Could not find an electronic dictionary.

IV.   Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary   2.00
Excellent integration.

V.   Inquiry Content Summary   2.00
Inquiry connections and investigations are included throughout this program.

VI.   Technology Content Summary
Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs. There are some interactive student reading games.

VII.   Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary   2.00
Easy to follow format that includes many teaching suggestions. Connections are made and background professional development information is available.

VIII.   Audience: Student Materials Content Summary   2.00
Very colorful student texts that include a good variety of different types of literature and student activities.

IX.   Format Content Summary   2.00
Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.

X.   Ancillary Materials Content Summary   2.00
Abundant ancillary materials.

READING CONTENT

WRITING CONTENT

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS